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Mr. Ruairí Ó Murchú, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 7780/22 *“To ask the Minister for Health the current healthcare services provided in the Louth Hospital; and the agencies and bodies that hold responsibility for these services”*

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Louth County Hospital is a statutory HSE Model 2 Hospital and in line with the Smaller Hospital Framework, it has a minor injuries unit located onsite.

Hospital Services provided in Louth County Hospital:

- Emergency Medicine - The Minor Injury Unit
- Medicine – Stroke, Medical and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation in-patient beds. Step Down beds for patients awaiting discharge home or discharge to another care facility. These patients are mostly transferred to Louth County Hospital from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.
- Palliative care in-patient beds
- Consultant led Geriatric Assessment Day Unit.
- Surgery – Elective surgical beds to provide day and 23 hour post-operative care for non-complex surgical patients. These include general surgical, gynae, urology, ENT, Ophthalmology and dental.
- Elective Endoscopy – This service is available and also includes the provision of National Colorectal screening service with JAG accredited status.
- National Colposcopy Screening service is delivered in a dedicated unit
- A CAWT Ophthalmology initiative commenced in 2014 – includes provision of day surgery, out-patients clinics for cataracts and intraocular injections.
- Out-Patients – This includes Endocrinology, ENT, Urology, Minor Ops, Venesection, General Medicine, General Surgery, Palliative, Orthopaedics, Gynae, Maternity, Hysteroscopy, Cardiac Rehab, Cardiology diagnostics, CT scanning and a CAWT genitourinary clinic.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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